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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT

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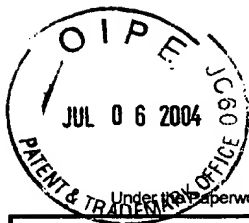
Responsive to the Office action mailed 06/22/2004 requiring restriction of the invention to two groups (Group I (claims 18-27) and Group II (claims 1-17)), applicants elect Group II (claims 1-17), with traverse, to continue prosecution.

Group I invention is a process reciting the same composition recited in Group II invention. As such, they are not independent and distinct. If the elected composition claims (Group II) are found allowable, applicants respectfully request that the process claims (Group I) be rejoined pursuant to MPEP 824.01.

Applicants also submit amended claims, beginning at page 2. Claim 1 is amended to correct an oversight and to recite the limitations that the composition is a solution and the composition remains soluble upon being exposed to air at about 25°C. The examples disclosed in the application shows that the composition is a solution. The specification discloses, for example, page 6, lines 2-4, that the composition remains in solution. The temperature is disclosed as "room temperature", which is generally known as 25°C. *See also*, page 7, lines 2-3; page 11, lines 2-5; page 11, line 27 to page 12, line 2; and page 13, lines 10-11.

Also amended is claim 18. Amended claim 18 now recites the multiple dependency in the alternative to comply with 37 CFR 1.75(c).

The amendment also cancels claims 19-20. The dependency of claims dependent from these two claims is accordingly amended.



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